

**IMPORTANT TREES**

What are the 10 most important trees in the world? The American Nature Association of Washington, D. C., put this question to Henry E. Clepper, secretary of the Society of American Foresters. Here is his answer:

1. Date palm.
2. Coconut palm.
3. Almond.
4. Apple.
5. Fig.
6. Mulberry.
7. Olive.
8. Lemon.
9. Cinchona.
10. Rubber.

Do you agree with his selections? The American Nature Association would like to know your view, and, for a two-cent stamp will send you an illustrated bulletin on the subject.

You are probably surprised that the list does not include lumber-producing trees. The chief reason for the omission was that none of them is of such importance that its products cannot be duplicated by other species.

**Reasons for the Choice.**

To win a place on the list, Mr. Clepper explained, a species had to be of great importance to men. It had to be in extensive use for a long period of time although one exception to that condition was allowed. It had to be a species which could not readily be replaced by any other if it suddenly disappeared from the earth.

"Unquestionably, then, the foremost families of trees are the palms," Mr. Clepper's report said. "First in importance is the date palm. This tree is known to have been in cultivation for more than 4000 years. It supplies the date of commerce, oil, wood and fiber.

"Number two, the coconut palm, originated in the Malay Archipelago and has been cultivated for at least 3000 years. It has been established in Florida. Its chief products are the coconut and its kernel, which, when dried, produces copra, a product valuable in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers.

"Number three, the almond, probably originated in western Asia and the Mediterranean region. The almond is mentioned in the works of Theophrastus, a naturalist of the third century B. C.

**Apple Older Than History**

"Number four, the apple, pro-

duces one of the leading fruits of the world. It is the most important in North America and probably in the entire north temperate zone. It was known in prehistoric times.

"Number five, the fig tree, grew originally in southern Asia and Europe, whence it has been introduced into other sub-tropical lands. In America, the fig is grown in the Gulf States and in California.

"Number six, the white mulberry, is native to India and Mongolia. It has been grown in China since ancient times for its leaves, the chief food of the silkworm.

"Number seven, the olive tree, is mentioned prominently in Homer's Odyssey.

"Number eight, the lemon tree, originated in India. The lemon has been cultivated for some 2,500 years.

"Number nine, the cinchona, of Peru and Bolivia, was introduced in Europe in 1639.

"Number ten, the rubber tree. Although under cultivation for less than 100 years, and extensively grown for less than 40 years, the rubber tree is among the most important in our present civilization."

Coming to North Carolina for important trees, it is found that Walter E. Campbell in the Greensboro News for last Sunday compiles a list in the order of value as judged by him with regard to this state only. They are: Pine, gum, oak, apple, walnut, cypress, tulip, dogwood, red cedar, maple.

It will be noted that Mr. Campbell lists only one fruit tree; and one nut tree, the walnut, which is included more for its timber than for food value. He mentions that one of the state's most valuable trees, the chestnut, is almost extinct.

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This 15th day of Oct., 1937.

J. G. KEMP, Administrator of George W. Ray, deceased.

Nov. 19.

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The undersigned, having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Julian R. Horton, deceased, late of Wake County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before October 4th, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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